



The Rock Rattler

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Presidents Message

Members,

Our Nov meeting will also be the time we elect officers and board members. Please think about who you would like to nominate and get elected. If you would like to volunteer, please make it known. Positions are:

President Presides over meetings)

Vice President (programs)

Secretary (keeps notes of meeting)

Treasurer (Handles our club monies)

Board member 1 (vote on decisions)

Board member 2 (vote on decisions)

Board member 3 (vote on decisions)

Appointed positions:

Field Trip Chairman

Show Chairman

Historian

Education Chairman

Newsletter Editor

Website Webmaster

Refreshment Chairman

Next Meeting

When: November 5, 2013
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Bossier City Library
 Historical Building
 Bossier City, La
Program: Tanzanite

Minutes of Meeting

October 1, 2013

Opening: Del Glasner
Pledge of Allegiance Wil House
Prayer: Wil House

Business Discussed:

- Class Update
 - Larry taught a wire wrapping class on 9/14/13
 - 16 people signed up
 - 5 people were in attendance
- Building update
 - John and Sue Autry have graciously donated an area of their land in Haughton for the club to put a shop.
- Field Trip
 - Went to Midlothian Texas on 9/14/13
 - Went to Keith Harmon's home for his yearly rock sale on 9/21/13.
 - Next field trip will be on Oct 5 to Homachita River
- Christmas Party
 - Suggestion was given to go to Johnny's Catfish
 - Others requested that we see who has availability such as Jan's River Restaurant or Sam's Seafood

Presentation was given by Dr. Gary Stringer

tips and tricks

SAVE YOUR FINGERS FROM SANDING - October '13

To make sanding very small pieces of metal easier, use peel-off adhesive foam as a backing. Simply cut a piece of foam the size of the metal piece to be sanded and then stick the metal to the foam (with the side that needs sanding facing up). When you flip the piece over to sand, you have something to hold onto and keep your fingers from being sanded along with the metal. When you're finished simply peel the foam off the metal.

COOKING UP GREAT BEADWORK DESIGNS - August '10

Several kitchen items make great, inexpensive helpers when doing beadwork. Ice cube trays and muffin tins are great organizers for storage or while you are working. If your design calls for several types of beads use a section for each type. Makes clean up easier as well. Tin pie plates and low edged cake pans lined with felt squares are great design workspaces. Beads don't roll off onto the floor! Baby spoons are perfect bead scoopers. Don't forget toothpicks for applying glue and clean condiment minijars (jelly, honey etc.) are perfect bead storage..

http://www.contenti.com/resources/tips/index.html?utm_source=Contenti+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=63ca7f6ca1-October_eNewsletter_3%2Bstars&utm_medium=email

Field Trips for 2013

Anyone planning to attend a field trip must notify field trip coordinator if you will be attending.

If you are unable to attend a field trip but would like something brought back just ask. Arrangements can be made.

Next year's Field Trip Schedule will be announced in January. If you have any suggestions of places you would like to attend, please let Tony know.

Upcoming Show Dates

November

8-10—HUMBLE, TEXAS: 60th Annual Show; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center; 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, seniors and students \$6, children (under 12) free; fluorescent exhibit, 40 dealers, swap area, Dino Dig, youth section, displays, exhibits; contact Chris and Theresa Peek, c/o Houston Gem & Mineral Society, 10805 Brooklet, Houston, TX 77099, (281) 530-0942; e-mail: show@hgms.org; Web site: www.hgms.org

December

18-19—FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: 45th annual show; Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park; Hwy. 16S; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; 26 dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, meteorites, jewelry, bulk material, demonstrations, identification experts; contact Jim Gedeon, 1156 Old Willow Rd., Fredericksburg, TX 78624, (830) 685-3342; e-mail: gideonjim1@gmail.com

February

22-23—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society; Mississippi Trade Mart; State Fairgrounds; Sat. 9-6; adults \$5, students \$3; dealers, gems, fossils, minerals, beads, jewelry, demonstrators, faceting, flint knapping, wire wrapping; contact Keith Peacock, 176 Tazan Ave., Florence, MS 39073, (601) 863-6535

March

8-9—PASADENA, TEXAS: Annual show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Pasadena Convention Center; 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, students (6th-12th grade) \$3, children (under 12) free; 32 dealers, lapidary equipment, rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, rockhound equipment, books, swap area, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, Scout merit badge workshops, fossil exhibits, children's gem mine and hands-on workshops; contact Sara Chelette, CLGMS, PO Box 58072, Houston, TX 77258; e-mail: sara_chelette@sbcglobalnet.com; Web site: www.clgms.org

Field Trip Photos

Homachita River Trip



Not many pictures for this trip. I think everyone was so busy collecting and looking for rocks, no one took any pictures.

If you have ever traveled with Del or John they are always looking for a donut shop. This one is perfect, because it also includes a tamale shop. Two for one...



Cleanup for Buildings





Our Buildings



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